March

17 - St Patrick's Day; ~~Highway ARC meeting~~; the first 1820 Settlers arrive in Cape Town

18 – the SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Sprint; Schools close due to Chinese virus

20 – International Day of Happiness; Autumn Equinox (05:50);

20 to 29 – ~~Secunda ARC Field Day with ZS95SARL~~ **(POSTPONED)**

21 - Human Right's Day; World Down Syndrome Day; International Day of Forests

21 and 22 - BARTG HF RTTY

22 - World Water Day

23 - World Meteorological Day

28 - ~~CTARC Meeting~~ **(CANCELLED)**

28 and 29 - CQ WPX SSB

31 - ~~Schools open~~

April

2 - World Autism Awareness Day; SARL 80 m QSO Party

3 and 4 - ~~SARL National Convention~~

4 - RaDAR Challenge

5 - Palm Sunday

6 - Arrival of Jan van Riebeeck in the Cape - 1652

7 - World Health Day

10 - Good Friday

12 - Easter Sunday; International Day for Human Space Flight

13 - Family Day

SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Sprint

The second leg of the 80 m Club Sprint takes place on Wednesday 18 March from 17:00 to 18:00 UTC with phone and CW activity. The exchange is an RS or RST report and your 4 figure grid square. You get 2 points for each QSO and 2 points for each new grid square worked. Make use of the Excel log sheet, available from the Contest page on the League website, and submit your log by 23:59 CAT on Sunday 22 March to zs4bfn@mweb.co.za. Get the rules on page 64 of the Blue Book.

The Provisional Results of the SARL YL Sprint

Fourteen logs were received for the first leg of the SARL YL Sprint held on Sunday 8 March 2020.

1st Alta Gaybba, ZR3PA and Sonet de Wet, ZS3SW – 196 points
3rd Karin Andrew, ZS6MMA – 173 points
4th Adele Tyler, ZS5APT – 161 points
5th Simone Jones, ZS6SIM – 152 points
6th Valerie Wagner, ZS5VAL – 100 points
7th Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC – 40 points
8th Dienie Schnetler, ZS6DNI – 39 points
9th Heather Holland, ZS5YH – 36 points
10th Sybrand Cillie, ZS1SJ – 34 points
11th Johan van Zijl, ZS4DZ – 26 points

12th Gary Ingle, ZS5GI – 25 points
13th Brian Broad, ZS5SB – 24 points
14th Veronica Kotze, ZR6TVK – 5 points

The Final Results of the SARL 95 40 m Club Sprint

The first leg of the SARL 95 40 m Club Sprint was held on Saturday 29 February 2020. Thirty-three (33) logs were received. Two logs show no Club information.
1st West Rand ARC – 546 points (20 logs)
2nd Boland ARC – 154 points (4 logs)
3rd Bo-Karroo ARC – 88 points (4 logs)
4th Magalies ARC – 32 points (2 logs)
5th Bloemfontein ARC – 24 points (1 log)

1st Karin Andrew, ZS6MMA – 70 points
2nd Romeo Nardini, ZS6ARQ – 62 points
3rd Helmar Otto, ZS1H – 58 points
4th Sybrand Cillie, ZS1SJ – 56 points
5th Anthony Rouquette, ZS6ANT and Jadranko Davidovic, ZS6DJA – 42 points
7th Cliff Jones, ZS6BJU – 36 points
8th Wayne Ritchie, ZS1WBR, Kevin Smith, ZS6KVN and Simone Jones, ZS6SIM – 32 points
11th Veronica Kotze, ZR6TVK and Jack Kotze, ZS6JJK – 30 points
13th Pieter Jacobs, ZS6XT, Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT and Andrew Estil, ZS6AN – 26 points
16th Marius Lubbe, ZS1ML, Johan van Zijl, ZS4DZ and Thys Maree, ZS6MJM – 24 points
19th Kobus Boshoff, ZS6BOS – 22 points
20th Nic van Duffelen, ZR6AEZ and Jannie Smith, ZS3CM – 20 points (ZS3CM only CW QSOs)
22nd Gordon Andrew, ZS6AGE and Stephen Rough, ZS6STE – 18 points
24th Christo Bock, ZS1BOK, Gert du Plessis, ZR6GRT, Geoff Levey, ZS6C and Stephen Reynolds, ZS6SJR – 16 points
28th Quinton Lourens, ZS6SSB – 10 points
29th Peet Greyling, ZS6PGN – 8 points
30th Jan du Toit, ZS6ALC – 6 points
31th Glen Andrew, ZS6GGA – 4 points
Check logs: ZS1CF and ZS2PE

3Y0I Bouvet Island DXpedition News (And Pacific Tour)

The Rebel DX Group (RDXG) team reports/posted the following (https://bouvetoya.org/) on 11 March: A bunch of fresh news from the 3Y0I - Bouvet Island camp. Although we are still $25k short of our required budget, we arrange and follow things up according to our plans. A have already paid down-payment for our vessel. We also analysed all conclusions collected during the first attempt. We have already verified, prepared and stored our expedition and radio gear. Actually, we're just waiting for the coming Southern hemisphere's summer to "set sails" again. Our second attempt to "conquer" the remotest island in the world - Bouvet Island - will take place by end of 2020.

We strongly encourage to support our project via our GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com/f/3y0i-bouvet-island-expedition. The website constantly updates and displays names and callsigns of each donor who decide to back up our plans. We are very very thankful for all donations sent by all of our current supporters!

As announced before, we are up to our next project and about to leave for the Pacific IOTA tour by end of March. As a local tropical cyclone season withdraws, once arrived at Fiji we will check our Rebel's catamaran and prepare it for a long 1 month + oceanic voyage. Expect the launch of the T33T Banaba and T22T Tuvalu project by late April/beginning of May 2020.

We welcome our new gear supporter - The Adjustiwave Antennas. Their antennas' sector is simplicity and durability and we're going to use their verticals as additional and backup aerials during our Pacific tour. Take a look at their website to learn more about these self-erected vertical multi-banders https://adjustiwave.com

For more details and updates on the Bouvet Island DXpedition, watch the following Web page and Media sites at https://bouvetoya.org, this is the main site where you can find more details on the project. Facebook: www.facebook.com/bouvetoya.org; Twitter: https://twitter.com/Bouvetoyaorg and Rebel DX Group: www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup

African DX
Contacts with stations on the African continent count towards the SARL's All Africa Award (www.sarl.org.za/public/awards/awards.asp)

Somalia, 6O0. Janusz, AK4JK (5H0JK, SP7GWF, ST/ZS5ADU, T6EU, V6JBVS, ZS5ADU), announced that he is now active as 6O0/AK4JK from Somalia. The length of his stay is not known. Activity will be CW only every day at 17:00 UTC on 14 007 or 7 007 kHz. QSL via his home callsign direct. NO IRCs.

Egypt, SU. Thomas, DL2RMC, is now active as SU9TH from Egypt. The length of his stay is unknown at this time. Activity has been mainly on 20 and 15 metres using FT8. QSL via his home call sign, direct or by the Bureau.

Botswana, A2. David, VE7VR will be active as A25VR in 'holiday-style' between 1 and 22 May. Activity from 40 to 20 metre using low power. QSL via home call.

Côte d'Ivoire, TU. The TU2R Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) DXpedition between 23 March and 3 April, has been postponed. The following was posted on 14 March "Nine days before leaving for Côte d'Ivoire, the TU2R Team members have decided to postpone the expedition to a later date in 2020. Due to the current pandemic situation, we took the decision in the interest of health and safety. We will keep you informed of our new plans. Thank you for your understanding.... 73 TU2R team." For more details and updates, watch https://tu2r.wordpress.com

African Islands
IOTA Frequencies
CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz
SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

Seychelles, S7. Nick, G7EQM, is now active as S79EQM from Praslin Island (AF-024), Seychelles, until 29 March. Activity will be holiday style on 20 metres using SSB and FT8, with an FT-891 into Quarter Wave Vertical. QSL via eQSL.

Contest Calendar
This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 16 to 23 March 2020

Bucharest Digital Contest
18:00 - 20:59 UTC 16 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: FT4
Bands: 80, 40 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP or low - 2-Band or Single Band
Single Op 2 Radio Low Power 2-Band
Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RST and QSO no
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 23 March 2020
E-mail logs to: bucurestidigital@gmail.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
https://yo3test201x.blogspot.com/

RSGB FT4 Contest Series
20:00 - 21:30 UTC 16 March
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: FT4
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: 100 W; 10 W
Exchange: 4-character grid square
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each large locator square
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 21:30 UTC 17 March 2020
Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/r80m_ft4.shtml

CLARA Chatter Party
17:00 UTC 17 March to 17:00 UTC 18 March and 17:00 UTC 21 March to 17:00 UTC 22 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, Phone
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - low or high
Max operating hours: 24
Max power: HP: >200 W; LP: 200 W

Exchange: RS(T), name and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: 10 points per QSO with CLARA member; 5 points per QSO with CLARA family member; 5 points per QSO with non-member YL; 1 point per QSO with OM
Multipliers: Each VE province/territory once per band per mode; Each US state (must be YL QSO) once per band per mode; Each DXCC country (must be YL QSO) once per band per mode
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 15 April 2020
E-mail logs to: va1yl@ns.sympatico.ca
Mail logs to: Helen Archibald, VA1YL, 25 Canard Street RR#1., Port Williams, NS B0P 1T0, Canada
Find rules at: https://clarayl.ca/chatter-party/

QRP Fox Hunt
01:00 - 02:30 UTC 18 March
Geographic Focus: United States
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 40 m Only
Classes: Single Op - fox or hound
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 02:30 UTC 19 March 2020
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

Phone Fray
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 18 March
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name

Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 20 March 2020
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf

CWops Mini-CWT Test
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 18 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 19 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each call once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 21 March 2020
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/

NAQCC CW Sprint
00:30 - 02:30 UTC 19 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: (none)
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC no or power

Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once
Key Type Mult: 2 x if straight key, 1.5 x if bug, 1 x if other
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 22 March 2020
E-mail logs to: naqcc33@windstream.net and/or jcoreyc@gmail.com
Upload log at:
http://naqcc.info/sprint_submit_log.html
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://naqcc.info/sprint/sprint202003.html

BCC QSO Party
19:30 - 19:59 UTC (CW) and 20:00 – 20:29 UTC (SSB) and 20:30 - 20:59 UTC (RTTY) 19 March
Geographic Focus: Europe
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB, RTTY
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: BCC Members; Non-Members
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: RS(T) and T-shirt size (see rules)
Work stations: Once per mode
QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with BCC member; 1 point per QSO with non-member
Multipliers: Each T-shirt size once per mode
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 22 March 2020
E-mail logs to: qso-party@bavarian-contest-club.de
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.bavarian-contest-club.de/2326

NCCC RTTY Sprint
01:45 - 02:15 UTC 20 March
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: RTTY
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 22 March 2020
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html

QRP Fox Hunt
02:00 - 03:30 UTC 20 March
Geographic Focus: United States
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: Single Op - fox or hound
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 21 March 2020
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 20 March
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: Serial no and name and QTH
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 22 March 2020
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html

BARTG HF RTTY Contest
02:00 UTC 21 March to 02:00 UTC 23 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: RTTY
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op Expert All Band; Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op All Band 6 Hours; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Single; Multi-Multi
Max operating hours: Single Op: 30 hours with at least 3 hour rest period; Single Op 6 Hours: 6 hours; Multi-Op: 48 hours
Max power: HP: >100 Watts; LP: 100 Watts; QRP: 5 Watts
Exchange: RST, serial no and 4-digit time (UTC)
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: DXCC countries once per band; JA, W, VE and VK areas once per band; Continents once regardless of band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total country/area mults x continents
Submit logs by: 02:00 UTC 30 March 2020
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: http://bartg.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.bartg.org.uk/

Russian DX Contest
12:00 UTC 21 March to 12:00 UTC 22 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band Mixed - QRP, low or high; Single Op All Band CW - low or high; Single Op All Band SSB - low or high; Single Op Single Band Mixed; Multi-Single; Multi-Two; SWL
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Ru: RS(T) and 2-character oblast; non-Ru: RS(T) and serial no
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: Ru Stations: 2 points per QSO with same country same continent; Ru Stations: 5 points per QSO with same country different continent; Ru Stations: 3 points per QSO with different country same continent; Ru Stations: 5 points per QSO with different continent; non-Ru Stations: 10 points per QSO with Ru station; non-Ru Stations: 2 points per QSO with same country; non-Ru Stations: 3 points per QSO with different country same continent; non-Ru Stations: 5 points per QSO with

different continent; 5 points per QSO with /MM
Multipliers: Each oblast once per band; Each country once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 12:00 UTC 5 April 2020
E-mail logs to: logs@rdxc.org
Upload log at:
www.rdxc.org/asp/pages/wwwlog.asp
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.rdxc.org/asp/pages/rulesg.asp

Virginia QSO Party
14:00 UTC 21 March to 04:00 UTC 22 March and 12:00 - 24:00 UTC 22 March
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, Phone, Digital
Bands: All, except WARC
Classes: Single Op - fixed, mobile or expedition - QRP, low or high - multi-band or single-band - CW, phone, digital or mixed; Multi-Single - fixed, mobile or expedition - QRP, low or high - multi-band or single-band - CW, phone, digital or mixed; Multi-Multi - fixed, mobile or expedition - QRP, low or high - multi-band or single-band - CW, phone, digital or mixed
Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: VA: Serial no and county; non-VA: Serial no and state, province or DX
Work stations: Once per band per mode
Score Calculation: (see rules)
Submit logs by: 20 April 2020
E-mail logs to: vqp@verizon.net
Mail logs to: VA QSO Party, Call Box 599, Sterling, VA 20167, USA
Find rules at:
www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2020_VQP/2020_VQP_Main.html

Feld Hell Sprint
20:00 - 21:59 UTC 21 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: Feld Hell
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: (none)

Max power: Standard: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: (see rules)
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: (see rules)
Bonus Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (see rules)
Score Calculation: (see rules)
Submit logs by: 25 March 2020
Upload log at:
https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests/sprints/leprechaun-sprint

UBA Spring SSB Contest
07:00 - 11:00 UTC 22 March
Geographic Focus: Belgium
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: SSB
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: Single; SWL
Max power: non-QRP: >10 watts; QRP: 10 watts
Exchange: ON: RS, serial no and UBA Section non-ON: RS and serial no
QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with Belgian station
Multipliers: Each UBA Section
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 5 April 2020
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: http://springcontest.on4dst.be/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.uba.be/hf/contest-rules/spring-contest

NSARA Contest
12:00 - 16:00 UTC 22 March and 18:00 - 22:00 UTC 22 March
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB, Digital
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: Single Transmitter - CW, SSB, digital or mixed
Exchange: Nova Scotia: RS(T) and county; non-NS: RS(T)
Work stations: Once per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; Bonus Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: Nova Scotia counties once per mode
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 21 April 2020
E-mail logs to: ve1pjs@rac.ca
Mail logs to: Peter J. Surette, VE1PJS, 48 Birch St., Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 4X2, Canada
Find rules at:
http://nsara.ve1cfy.net/?page_id=82

Next Week's Contests

SKCC Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 25 March
QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 25 March
Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 25 March
CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 25 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 26 March
UKEICC 80 m Contest, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 25 March
RSGB 80 m Club SSB Championship, 20:00 - 21:30 UTC 26 March
NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 27 March
QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 27 March
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 27 March
CQ WW WPX SSB Contest, 00:00 UTC 28 March to 23:59 UTC 29 March
FOC QSO Party, 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 28 March
QCX Challenge, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 30 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 31 March

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